

## VEIL OF MYSTERY

### Drawn Over Movements of British Troops in Transvaal.

## NO NEWS FROM THE FRONT

### Suppression of Reports Telling of Apparent Capture of the Boers and Fustile and Retreat of Gen. Yule Criticized in England.

(By Telegraph.)  
LONDON, Oct. 25.—With unconscious humor, a Cape Town correspondent telegraphed yesterday:

"The censorship, which is always a delicate matter, is working smoothly and without a hitch."

This exactly hits off the state of affairs today. An ominous veil is still drawn over the movements of General Sir George Stewart White and General Yule. Beyond belated Ladysmith dispatches concerning the Elandsbaaght fight, which are still filtering in, the British public is left in complete darkness and to conjecture over "cooked" war office dispatches. The officials of the war office last evening said that very few dispatches have arrived and that nothing further was to be expected until morning.

## JUNCTION WAS EFFECTED.

Since it is practically certain that General Yule has now effected a junction with General White—although this was not brought about Tuesday night, as announced by the Daily Mail, but some time on Wednesday—and as both are now in a position of safety, conjecture concerns itself chiefly with the manner of General Yule's retreat. That it was hasty is evident. Was it disorderly? Was any considerable camp equipment abandoned? Was there any fighting on the way? Such questions and others like them, the public are anxiously asking. Since the receipt of General White's curious first description of the Ladysmith fight, in which the British lost a hundred men, little reliance can be placed on the official dispatches. While the concealment of the facts regarding General Yule's retreat can be amply justified on the ground of keeping the intelligence from the Boers, the hiding of the news respecting the Hussars and Fusiliers, who were apparently captured in the battle of Glencoe, is severely criticised, no intimation having been given that the officers were missing.

## HEAVY LOSSES OF BRITISH.

The heavy losses of the British troops in facing only some 8,000 Boers are commented upon as showing what rifle fire means today in the hands of even undisciplined men who can shoot fairly straight and stand their ground. General Sir Redvers Buller is expected to arrive at the Cape early next week and the indications are that some troops have already arrived at the front and been in the fighting, whose arrival has not yet been announced.

There is every probability, therefore, that reinforcements are moving up. This is calculated to hasten Commander General Buller's attack on Ladysmith and news of a big battle is daily expected.

About half a complete army corps is now aloft, and a hull has occurred in dispatching the remainder of General Buller's forces owing to some difficulty in obtaining transports.

Although news has arrived that General Sir William Penn Symonds is doing well, there is no intimation of his whereabouts. It is presumed that he is at Dundee in the hands of the Boers.

## WAS STEVEN HARBED?

The Times publishes a dispatch from Naauwpoort, Cape Colony, saying it is rumored among the Dutch there that President Steyn received £50,000 for inducing the Orange Free State to join the Transvaal.

New and stringent orders were promulgated yesterday with reference to the defenses of Gibraltar. The privilege Englishmen have had hitherto of entering the gate without a pass is temporarily suspended. Nobody is allowed to enter or to inspect the batteries. Even the famous St. Michael's cave is closed because it is required for the storage of arms and ammunition. For months sappers and miners have been engaged in constructing new and powerful batteries and it is believed that the garrison will be augmented.

The Times commenting editorially on the rumor of European intervention, scouts the idea, saying:

"No power will lift a finger. The alarming combinations built upon our naval movements have no existence save in overheated imaginations."

## LATEST ADVICES.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—The Daily Mail has the following from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, dated October 23:

The proclamation of martial law throughout Natal has given great satisfaction.

Among the Boer prisoners at Ladysmith are Dewitt Hamner, member of the Raad for Barberton, and Dr. Van Leggele, public prosecutor at Heidelberg. Among the killed was Dr. De Jong, secretary of the Transvaal Education Department.

It is expected that General Jan Kock, the Boer commander, will recover. General White gave him the option of being taken to Pretoria or remaining at Ladysmith, and he chose the latter.

The heavy losses of the Kings' Royal Rifles at Dundee seems to have been

## DOCTORED DISPATCHES.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—The commander-in-chief, Field Marshal Lord Wolseley, has apparently been now convicted of "doctoring" official dispatches from the front, and there is a strenuous demand on all sides for a revision to the earlier practice, when the reports of General Sir George Stewart White, the British commander in Natal, were given out textually as soon as received. The commander-in-chief's summary read in the House of Commons yesterday spoke of General White having fought a successful action, whereas General White's own account puts an entirely different complexion on the situation and reduces the movement to its proper proportions and shows that further exciting intelligence may be expected from the same quarter at any moment.

It is quite evident that the war in Natal has only commenced, and that the Boers are by no means discouraged at losing the first two battles, and many experts are satisfied General Joubert is even now close to the heels of the British and that a decisive action may be fought today or tomorrow.

## ESTIMATE OF BOER LOSSES.

Later estimates of the Boer losses at Elandsbaaght give 100 killed. Their coolness, bravery and good aim can be judged from the fact that out of the seventeen or eighteen officers with the half battalion of Gordon Highlanders, four were killed and thirteen wounded, while the casualties among the rank and file were 27 per cent. during less than three hours of fighting. Lieut. Campbell, of the Gordon Highlanders, has since died from his wounds.

A dispatch from Cape Town today says that General White has engaged the Orange Free State Boers who were advancing on Ladysmith, about seven miles northward and that it was believed the advance had been repulsed. That is probably another version of yesterday's fighting already known.

## FIFTY KILLED BY DYNAMITE.

Other dispatches from Cape Town say that advice from Mafeking confirm the statement that fifty Boers were killed by the explosion of two trucks of dynamite purposely sent out by Col. Baden-Powell to draw the Boer fire.

The offer of General Cronje, the Boer commander in the vicinity of Mafeking, to Col. Baden-Powell, to exchange prisoners referred to Captain Nesbit and others of the armored train wrecked at Kralpaan.

Some significance is attached at Cape Town to the proclamation issued at Pretoria by the Transvaal government with the view to safeguard British property.

## SITUATION COMPLICATED.

The situation in the west is becoming complicated. The Boer proclamations of annexation and the claims of a victory at Glencoe are likely to induce the Dutch to side with their countrymen already in the field. It is said, for instance, that the Boer forces have evacuated Vryburg, which, it is added, will be garrisoned by the local Dutch, among whom are prominent Boers and government employees.

It is also believed that the Dutch beyond Griquatown are only awaiting encouragement to declare for the Transvaal.

Advices from Philippstown yesterday say that the searchlights of the Kimberley defenses were visible the previous night and that therefore, Kimberley is still intact.

The latest dispatch from Kimberley gives details of the arrangements by the British commander, Col. Kekewich, for the defense of the town. The meat consumption is limited to a pound daily.

A dispatch from Maseru, dated October 24, says commissioner Lardner was then starting to meet Lerethodi and other Basuto chiefs at Putlatus river, where the chiefs had assembled at the request of Lerethodi to pledge their loyalty to the Queen.

A dispatch from Durban dated October 22, says authentic information has reached there from Molmotto, Zululand, that on Sunday a large Boer force was approaching. The inhabitants forthwith entered Fort Maxwell, anticipating an attack at dawn on Monday.

## 100,000 BOERS IN THE FIELD.

According to a Brussels dispatch, Dr. Leyds, the diplomatic agent of the Transvaal in Europe, has issued a statement that the Boers have now nearly 100,000 men in the field made up as follows: Boer regulars, 35,000; artillery, 1,250; police, 1,750; Orange Free State Boers, including Outlanders, 35,000; Natal Boers, 3,000; Bechuanaland and Rhodesian Boers, 8,000; foreign legion, 600; Americans, 4,000; Germans, 6,000; Dutch-Belgians, 2,000; Irish, 1,000; Scandinavians, 600; French, Swiss and Italians, 200.

The Jews, it appears, are doing police work.

A special dispatch from Pretoria, via Lorenzo Marquez, dated October 24, purports to give an interview with one of the highest Transvaal executives, who is quoted as having urged that while the British successes were yet unimportant there was still time for an amicable settlement as he believed the Boers had been misled as to the real issue.

## CASUALTIES NUMBER 597.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—The war office returns show that the total British casualties since the beginning of hostilities reach 597. Eighteen officers have

(Continued on eighth page.)

## LION SCENTS DANGER

### Extraordinary Additions to British Navy Are Hurried,

## TO AWE FRANCE AND RUSSIA

### Rumors of Serious Complications Are Revived. Great Britain Will Form a Large and Powerful "Menacing Squadron."

(By Telegraph.)

LONDON, Oct. 25.—The extent of the British naval demonstration revealed by today's information compels a strong reiteration of the rumors of serious complications.

It is now said that Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford will command the Mediterranean squadron and details of the activity at the dock yards and naval stations are coming in hot and fast.

The Associated Press learns, however, that whether or not Great Britain is engaged in a naval demonstration, the navy is under consideration for several months and it was the admiralty's intention to put them in force as soon as war with the Transvaal was declared, deeming it necessary to increase the active strength of the navy in order to ensure the large fleet of transports against every possible contingency.

## QUESTION OF THE HOUR.

Whether later developments have transformed the admiralty's precautionary measures into preparations for a naval demonstration, necessitated by European hostility, is the question of the hour and it is as much a mystery to many high naval officers as to the public. The exact condition of affairs consists of ordering the naval reserves to be in readiness to rejoin their ships at 24 hours' notice, while all the cruisers of the reserve class have been notified to be ready to sail in the same time limit. These vessels, though at dock yards, are never out of commission, and are always supposed to be ready for immediate manning.

## DOZEN CRUISERS WAITING.

A dozen of cruisers ranging from 6,000 to 11,000 tons are now only waiting for the word to embark the crews. In addition to these preparations work on the uncompleted vessels is being hurried day and night. The special attention being paid to the cruisers is taken by many naval authorities to indicate that Great Britain intends to form a menacing flying squadron, using the term "menacing" because the naval force at sea now is ample to convey transports and is thoroughly capable of preventing any interference in South African waters.

While the British officials do not conceal their knowledge of German, French, and Russian antagonism and their irritation thereat, they do not give the slightest hint that European hostility will crystallize into any probable overt act. But the belief that Great Britain is on the verge of a crisis of even greater magnitude than that in the Transvaal has many supporters, though the lack of all official confirmation favors the conservative views that the remarkable military and naval activity is due to a desire to take thorough precautions which, though ominous, have at present no special bearing upon Great Britain's European relations.

## SIGNIFICANT REPORTS.

Advices from the continent strengthen this view. For instance, the Fremdenblatt, of Vienna, today, says:

"Nothing points to the eventuality of the intervention of Europe in favor of the Boers."

The paper adds that Germany especially has resolved "not to depart from her attitude of neutrality."

On the other hand, the Neues Wiener Tagblatt publishes a telegram from the Transvaal legation at Brussels announcing that Dr. Leyds has received formal assurance that France and Russia will not permit Great Britain to annex the Transvaal or the Orange Free State. This is discredited, however, as it is pointed out that even if there were the intention of the powers mentioned they would not allow their hands to be shown prematurely through the medium of Dr. Leyds.

The Russian newspapers may be somewhat responsible for the general impression in regard to European intervention. The St. Petersburg Russkaja Advokatsia that Great Britain be brought to her senses by a naval demonstration in South Africa in which France would take the lead.

## FRANCE IS VIGILANT.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—Dispatches from the continent to the Daily Mail say that the French fleet has received instructions to watch the movements of the British Mediterranean squadron and that the Italian fleet is under orders to concentrate in the bay of Spezia.

## CAPT. HOWARD'S FUNERAL.

Body, Escorted by Troops, Placed Aboard Transport Belgian King.

(By Telegraph.)  
MANILA, Oct. 25.—P. M.—The funeral of Captain Guy Howard, the assistant quartermaster, son of Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard, retired, who was killed October 22, near Arayat, took place today and was largely attended. A procession of troops escorted the body to the wharf and placed it on board the transport Belgian King.

The Twenty-sixth Infantry arrived here on the transport Grant yesterday and sailed for Iloilo today without disembarking.

The insurgents have returned to the vicinity of Calamba. They have increased in numbers and are surrounding the town on the land sides.

## THIRTY HOURS OF RAIN.

9.4 P. M.—At San Isidro thirty hours rain has raised the river and supplies are arriving there in the bosoms of the natives.

## DEATH IN A BLIZZARD

### Snow Fills Montana Gulches to Depth of 1,200 Feet.

## NINE SHEPHERDS FOUND DEAD

### Awful Suffering of Men and Beasts from Cold. Most Severe and Fatal October Storm in the History of the State.

(By Telegraph.)

GREAT FALLS, MONT., Oct. 25.—As a result of a recent blizzard which swept through Teton county, in the northern part of this state, nine men are known to be dead and of these five bodies have been recovered. With one exception all were sheep herders and all were found living in such positions as to indicate that they had stayed with their flocks to the last, dying in their attempts to save the property of their employers.

THE PATHFUL FURLEING Norman Bruce, working for Will Flowerce, he remained with his sheep until he managed to drive them into a sheltered spot, where they would be safe. Blinded by the storm, he mistook the coule where his cabin was built and wandered up another. Realizing his mistake too late, he turned back and fell less than 200 yards from home and safety. The searching party found his dog stretched across the dead body.

Matt Gregorich was found with his arms crossed upon his breast. His dog had followed the sheep into camp and returned with the rescue party too late.

H. Heard, working for C. R. Scofield, was lying in the deep snow, his head eaten off by the sheep, which had also eaten his clothes and part of his boots.

## NUMBER OF DEAD UNKNOWN.

It is probable that the dead list is hardly begun. Flocks of sheep without herders have been reported from various points in the storm district and later these will be traced and the dead herders found.

Now the snow covers up everything on the prairie and the coules, many of them more than 1,200 feet deep and with steep sides, are filled with it. This was the most severe and most fatal October storm ever occurring in Montana.

## McKINLEY WILL GO TO RICHMOND.

President Accepts the Invitation to Attend the Shubrick Launching.

(By Telegraph.)  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—A delegation from Richmond, Va., consisting of Senator Martin, Representative Lamb, Col. C. G. B. Cowardin, of the Richmond Dispatch, members of the city council and Young Men's Business Association, called upon the President today to invite him to be present at the launching of the torpedo boat Shubrick from the yards of the Trigg Shipbuilding Co., October 31. Members of the committee were also invited. The launching of the Shubrick is to be made the occasion of a three days' carnival at Richmond.

Later in the day the President decided to accept the invitation and so informed the committee. He will leave here on the morning of October 31, arriving in Richmond in time for the ceremony. He will return the same evening. Secretary Long, Attorney General Griggs and probably Secretary Clegg will accompany him.

## JOY IN RICHMOND.

RICHMOND, VA., Oct. 25.—The announcement that President McKinley would visit Richmond on October 31, the occasion of the launching of the torpedo boat Shubrick, was received with great satisfaction here, and preparations for his reception and entertainment were commenced immediately. It is probable that he will be given a public social reception either at one of the social clubs or at the executive mansion.

## DEWEY IN POSSESSION.

The Admiral's New Home Was Turned Over to Him Yesterday.

(By Telegraph.)  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The house in Washington recently purchased for Admiral Dewey by popular subscription was formally turned over to him today by Assistant Secretary Vandenberg and United States Treasurer Roberts.

Mr. Fitch, the owner, went to the Treasury Department this afternoon and presented the deed which was immediately filed for record. The purchase price was about \$50,000. Two subscriptions were received today which completed the payments including the expenditures incident to the project. One for \$1,000 came from Brooklyn and the other, \$275, was received from the Western Union Telegraph Company.

## FITZ LEE UNDER OBSERVATION.

With His Fellow Passengers from Havana He Is Held at Hoffman's Island.

(By Telegraph.)  
NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Thirty-one passengers of the Ward line steamer Havana, which arrived last night from Havana, were sent to Hoffman's Island for observation. They will be released at noon tomorrow.

Gen. Fitzgibbon Lee and Mrs. Ludlow, wife of General Ludlow, governor of Havana, are among those detained.

## Total Eclipse of the Sun.

(By Telegraph.)  
ATHENS, GA., Oct. 25.—Total eclipse of the sun will take place May 28, next year. Astronomers from all over the world are expected to take observations. The government parties of the United States and Great Britain have already announced their intention of coming.

A small observatory will be erected on top of the Moody building on the college campus for the use of the observers and scientists.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE RECORDS.

Percentages of the Players Compiled by President N. E. Young.

(By Telegraph.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The fielding records of players who took part in twenty or more championship baseball games have been compiled by President N. E. Young. The percentages of the leading ten players of the different positions follow:

## FIRST BASEMEN.

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Clarke, Pittsburgh          | 988 |
| O'Connor, St. Louis         | 988 |
| Dillon, Pittsburgh          | 988 |
| Beckley, Cincinnati         | 987 |
| McGann, Brooklyn and Wash'n | 986 |
| Toberin, St. Louis          | 986 |
| Lachance, Baltimore         | 985 |
| Jennings, Brooklyn          | 984 |
| Anderson, Brooklyn          | 983 |
| Vaughan, Cincinnati         | 982 |

## SECOND BASEMEN.

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Reitz, Pittsburgh                | 976 |
| Dempontville, Chicago and Balto. | 966 |
| McPherson, Cincinnati            | 968 |
| Quinn, Cleveland                 | 969 |
| Comer, Chicago                   | 958 |
| Lowe, Boston                     | 958 |
| Lajoie, Philadelphia             | 957 |
| Ritchey, Louisville              | 957 |
| O'Brien, Baltimore and Pitts'g   | 937 |
| Steinfeldt, Cincinnati           | 937 |

## THIRD BASEMEN.

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Cross, St. Louis and Cleve'd | 957 |
| Collins, Boston              | 952 |
| McGraw, Baltimore            | 952 |
| Wallace, St. Louis           | 952 |
| Sullivan, Cleveland          | 928 |
| Irwin, Cincinnati            | 928 |
| Wagner, Louisville           | 907 |
| Leach, Louisville            | 901 |
| Brady, Chicago               | 901 |
| Lauder, Philadelphia         | 900 |

## SHORTSTOPS.

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Davis, New York              | 944 |
| Dahlen, Chicago and Brooklyn | 937 |
| Ely, Pittsburgh              | 932 |
| Corcoran, Cincinnati         | 929 |
| Long, Boston                 | 928 |
| Lockhead, Cleveland          | 916 |
| Wallace, St. Louis           | 914 |
| Padden, Washington           | 914 |
| Cross, Philadelphia          | 912 |
| Clingman, Louisville         | 911 |

## OUTFIELDERS.

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Brodie, Baltimore      | 982 |
| Lange, Chicago         | 979 |
| Blake, St. Louis       | 979 |
| Kelley, Brooklyn       | 976 |
| Dechanty, Philadelphia | 971 |
| Keeler, Brooklyn       | 970 |
| Stahl, Boston          | 969 |
| Smith, Cincinnati      | 966 |
| Hamilton, Boston       | 966 |
| Posner, New York       | 966 |

## CATCHERS.

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Feltz, Cincinnati            | 955 |
| Zimmer, Cleveland and Louis  | 949 |
| Farrell, Brooklyn and Wash'g | 942 |
| Kittridge, Wash'g and Louis  | 941 |
| Donahue, Chicago             | 938 |
| McGuire, Brooklyn and Wash'g | 935 |
| Bauman, Boston               | 931 |
| Bowman, Pittsburgh           | 930 |
| Douglas, Philadelphia        | 928 |
| O'Connor, St. Louis          | 927 |

## YELLOW JACK AT NEW YORK.

Passenger on Steamer Niagara, from Havana, Dying of Y-ver.

(By Telegraph.)  
NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—E. H. Willis, aged 39 years, of Oakland, Fla., a passenger, who arrived from Havana on the steamer Niagara, which reached here yesterday, and who was sick on the voyage, was, on his arrival at quarantine, found to be suffering with yellow fever. He was taken to the hospital on Swanbourne Island and is not expected to recover.

## DETENTION CAMP.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The Marine Hospital Service detention camp for the town of Miami, Fla., where yellow fever exists will be established at Fulford. This is a few miles north of the city.

## FEVER ON THE WALK.

Few Cases and Fewer Deaths in the Infected Localities.

(By Telegraph.)  
NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 25.—The board of health today reported one new case of yellow fever and no deaths.

## SCHOONER IN DISTRESS.

The W. J. Leermont, Bound for Newport News, Put to Passacoula.

(By Telegraph.)  
PENSACOLA, FLA., Oct. 25.—The American schooner W. J. Leermont, Captain Hopper, which put into port yesterday in distress, is in a leaky condition. She is bound from Passacoula for Newport News.

A survey was held on her this morning and her cargo will be lightened for a further survey, after which she will be hauled out on the marine ways to have her main deck caulked. Before she was relieved of a portion of her deck load it required a steam pump and the entire crew to keep her afloat.

## Pittsburg Club Changes Heads.

(By Telegraph.)  
PITTSBURG, PA., Oct. 25.—There is good authority for the statement that the Pittsburg baseball club will tomorrow pass from the hands of its present owners to those of W. H. Watkins and his backers. It is known that Mr. Watkins for some time has had an option on the club which expires tomorrow, and it is not stated that the present owners of the club have decided to sell out at the option figures, which, as yet, are not yet made public.

## Vessels Arrived.

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Large Oakland, Boston. |  |
| Large Baritan, Boston. |  |

## Vessels Sailed.

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Large Puritan, Norwich.                    |  |
| Steamer City of Everett, La Verge, Boston. |  |

## Calendar for the Day.

|            |                        |
|------------|------------------------|
| Sun Rises  | 6:23 A. M.             |
| Sun Sets   | 5:14 P. M.             |
| High Water | 2:45 A. M.; 3:01 P. M. |
| Low Water  | 8:39 A. M.; 9:18 P. M. |

## Weather Forecast.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Forecast for Virginia—Fair Thursday and Friday; light variable winds.

## THE SCANDAL GROWS

### Charges Against Ex-Chairman of Board of Liquor Control.

## BOARD MUST SHOW RECORDS

### Discharged Clerk Says Mr. Hazelden Was Subsidized by Whiskey Houses. The Accuser is in Turn Accused. Investigation to be Made.

(By Telegraph.)

COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 25.—Judge Aldrich in the Circuit Court today ruled that the State Board of Liquor Control must exhibit to the court the records on which the commissioner, J. B. Douthitt, was discharged without a hearing.

DOUBT DEMANDS TRIAL. The commissioner can be discharged for cause only and Douthitt demands a trial by the board. His leading attorney, Col. George Johnstone, was very caustic in his arraignment of the board.

Mr. D. A. G. Ouzets, the discharged clerk, has accused the chairman of the board, J. B. Hazelden, with being influenced by wholesale whiskey houses, and with receiving at his home quantities of liquor.

## CAPT. BLACK'S CHARGES.

Capt. John Black, shipping clerk, has accused Ouzets of being a spy, a thief and a scoundrel.

The amount of liquor business last year exceeded a million and a quarter. The police provisions of the dispensary law are grafted upon the constitution, "no sales by the drink, no drinking on the premises, no sales at night, etc.," but the method of purchasing is by a statute. The Legislature will in January, have an investigation, and may do away with state dispensary, letting each county buy its own liquor.

## THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

President McKinley Designates the Day and Recommends Religious Observance.

(By Telegraph.)  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The President today issued the following Thanksgiving proclamation:

"BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES—A PROCLAMATION.

"A national custom dear to the hearts of the people calls for the setting apart of one day in each year as an occasion of special thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessings of the preceding year. This honored observance accretes with time a tender significance. It enriches domestic life. It summons under the family roof the absent children to glad reunion with those they love.

"Seldom has this nation had greater cause for profound thanksgiving. No great pestilence has invaded our shores. Liberal employment waits upon labor. Abundant crops have rewarded the efforts of the husbandman. Increased comforts have come to the home. The national finances have been strengthened and public credit has been sustained and made firmer.